

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-19 are pending, Claims 1-12 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and Claims 13-19 having been added by way of the present amendment. With regard to Claim 13, support for the image information display means is found at page 31, lines 5-7 and Figure 10, for example; support for the position information display means is found at least at page 36, lines 1-2 and Figure 12; support for the position information specifying means is found at least at page 42, lines 3-5, for example; and support for the image information specifying means is found at page 39, lines 8-12 and Figure 12, for example. Independent Claims 15 and 16 are method and computer program product claims that correspond with Claim 13. Independent Claim 17 corresponds with original Claim 10 (as discussed below). Claims 18 and 19 are method and computer program product claims respectively that correspond with Claim 17. Thus no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, the title has been objected to; and Claims 1-12 were rejected as being anticipated by Ota (U.S. Patent No. 6,437,797).

The Title has been amended as requested.

In reply, Claims 1-12 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New Claims 13-19 have been added, and are believed to clearly distinguish Ota and the prior art of record. In particular, conventional devices such as that described in Ota use markers that indicate the locations of captured images. Thumbnails of the images are displayed adjacent to one another in a same area (for example, Ota Figure 10).

Claim 13 has been drafted to distinguish Ota. For example, Claim 13 is directed to an image displaying apparatus that includes an image information displaying means that displays a plurality of pieces of image information in an image information displaying area.

The position information displaying means is for displaying a plurality of pieces of position information in relation to a point on a map displayed in a position information displaying area. When a plurality of images captured at a same place are displayed, the two processes carried out by the image information displaying means and the position information display means, which prevents the complexity of displaying and thus allows these images to be viewed at a same time. Although the image information and the position information are displayed separately, the position information specifying means and the image information specifying means help users to recognize the corresponding relationship between the image information and the position information clearly. It is respectfully submitted that Ota does not disclose or suggest these features of independent Claim 13. Claim 14 depends from Claim 13 and therefore is also believed to be allowable over the asserted prior art.

Claim 15 is a method claim that corresponds with Claim 13. Claim 16 is a computer program product claim that corresponds with Claim 13.

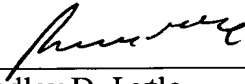
Claim 17 corresponds generally with original Claim 10 and is directed to an image displaying apparatus. In contrast to original Claim 10, the first display control means displays first icons representative of the image data stored in the storage means in a first displaying area in accordance with the time information recorded by the first recording means. The second display control means controls the display of the map image in a second displaying area. Thus the features in Claim 17 also correspond to those features discussed above with regard to Claim 13. It is believed that Ota does not teach or suggest these features in Claim 17. Claims 18 and 19 are directed to method and computer program product claims respectively that correspond generally with Claim 17. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that these claims also patentably define over the asserted prior art.

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Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the invention defined by Claims 13-19 patentably define over the asserted prior art. The present application is therefore believed to be in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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